

Nixon Will Speak, Daughter Julie Says

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LONDON, July 10 (AP)—President Nixon's daughter Julie said tonight that the President will speak out when the Watergate furor has quieted, but his son-in-law said Mr. Nixon should "lay it all down now" to preserve the presidency.

David and Julie Eisenhower—he is the grandson of the late President Eisenhower — answered telephoned questions on a British Broadcasting Corp. television program. They were in Washington, hooked into the program by satellite circuit.

Julie said her father was innocent of any complicity in Watergate and "is very eager to speak out as soon

as the testimony from all the witnesses is over" in the Senate committee hearings.

"He has a dilemma. He wants to answer the questions, and the answers to these questions are forthcoming," she said.

Her appearance was the latest of several in which she has defended her father in the Watergate turmoil.

When a British viewer asked why Mr. Nixon "does not face the Senate committee now and be frank," Mrs. Eisenhower answered quickly:

"It's really kind of ironic. In all the Watergate coverage, you all seem to have forgotten that my father made two statements saying he had no knowledge of the bugging and the cover-up. He should reserve comment."

But her husband observed: "I think it would be better for him to lay it all down now . . . He has a responsibility to the presidency . . . so the office will be left intact for his successor."

During the program an American woman living in London charged that the position of Americans abroad was now "untenable" because of the damage done to American prestige and the world monetary situation by the Watergate affair. Julie looked fierce.

It was David Eisenhower who answered first: "I think she can take a certain measure of pride that the questions are being asked."

Julie stressed later: "I know my father is innocent. I believe in his integrity."